

Require diversity in media ownership!

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

The trend in our TV, radio, and newspaper industries threatens vital democracy in this nation. The concentration of media ownership in fewer companies and individuals stifles a free flow of information. Most citizens do not have the time and resources to seek out "noncommercial" outlets for news coverage.

Therefore, for the sake of keeping our nation competitive and well-informed, I strongly urge the FCC to not loosen any restrictions in media ownership.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public.

Sincerely,
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